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STUTTGART 1054

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TAGS: CIVS,GW

SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF REVISED FORMAT NIV

REF: STATE 268221

EXPERIENCE WITH FACSIMILE OFFICER SIGNATURE NIV IN  
STUTTGART FAVORABLE, BUT NEED FOR CAREFUL HANDLING CLEARER  
THAN ENVISIONED BEFORE USE.

IN ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

A) REVISED FORMAT SAVES PERHAPS TWENTY MINUTES PER DAY OVER  
EARLIER SYSTEM AT THIS POST WHERE SOME 35,000 NIVS PER YEAR  
CURRENTLY BEING ISSUED.

B) REVISED FORMAT HAS ENABLED SOME SHIFT OF TIME TO SUBSTANTIVE  
SCRUTINY. IT HAS IN SOME INSTANCES HELPED SHIFT SCREENING TO  
OFFICERS, BUT IN OTHER INSTANCES IT HAS HAD NEGATIVE EFFECT.  
IN PREVIOUS SCREENING AT THIS POST, EXPERIENCED LOCALS PLACED  
VISA READY FOR SIGNATURE IN PASSPORTS WHERE ELIGIBILITY APPEARED  
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CLEAR. ABSENCE OF VISA INDICATED OFFICER SHOULD SCREEN MORE

CAREFULLY. THERE WERE VERY FEW CASES WHERE VISA STAMP PLACED  
ERRONEOUSLY IN PASSPORT BEFOREHAND SO OFFICER COULD SIGN,  
THUS MORE DIFFICULT CASES WERE FLAGGED BY LOCALS. EARLIER  
SYSTEM HAD DISADVANTAGE, THOUGH, OF OCCASIONALLY HAVING TO  
EXPLAIN VISA STAMP WHICH HAD LATER BEEN CANCELED. MORALE EFFECT  
OF EITHER SYSTEM ON OFFICERS NEGLIGIBLE.

C) FORMER SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE ALSO WAS LARGELY STRAIGHT  
LINE SYSTEM BUT NEW SYSTEM DOES PROBABLY SAVE ABOUT ONE MAN  
HOUR PER DAY FOR FSLs SINCE THEIR EFFORTS TO SCREEN HAVE  
DROPPED SOMEWHAT.

D) SO LONG AS LOCALS MAY BE TRUSTED, OFFICER CONTROL IS NOT  
DIMINISHED BY SYSTEM EXCEPT FOR LESS INFORMATION DUE TO LESS  
FSL DECISION-MAKING AS TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER OPEN AND SHUT  
CASE. IN A FEW INSTANCES UNDER EARLIER SYSTEM THEY MISCALCULATED  
AS TO WHAT WAS ROUTINE, AND THEY USUALLY LEFT IT FOR OFFICER  
TO SET PERIOD OF VALIDITY. HOWEVER, CONTROL IN THIS REGARD  
SOMEWHAT BETTER UNDER NEW SYSTEM.

E) BEARER FORMAT USED HERE, AND ADDITIONAL NAMES BROUGHT BACK  
FOR USUAL NAME. NO PROBLEM HERE.

F) REVISED FORMAT LED TO CHECK OF MACHINE NUMBERING UNITS,  
WHICH STILL ARE TOO OFTEN DEFECTIVE FOR GOOD CONTROL.

DEPARTMENT WOULD DO POSTS A GREAT FAVOR IF THEY WOULD DESIGN  
VISA MACHINE INSTEAD OF LIVING CHEAPLY OFF COMMERCIAL  
CHECK-WRITING MACHINERY. MUCH VALUABLE TIME WOULD BE SAVED.

IN SUM, IMPACT HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY FAVORABLE ON BALANCE, BUT  
ONLY BECAUSE OF HONESTY OF INTERNAL VISA ISSUING OPERATION.  
IF INTERNAL FRAUD OR BRIBERY WERE EVER MUCH OF A PROBLEM,  
CONTROL WOULD LIKELY BE MOST DIFFICULT. JENKINS

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